

ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY BOARD

MINUTES

FEBRUARY 15, 2007

Members Present: Teresa Rundell Phyllis Anderson
 Doug Rudick Randall Pedersen
 Dennis Boepple Guest: Don Schmidt

Staff Present: Jason Gage

Members Absent: McDowell (Mac) Steele, Mike Weaver, Natasha Behner, Anita Huntley

Teresa Rundell called the meeting to order at 4:00 p. m.

I. PUBLIC COMMENT Don Schmidt informed the Board that his efforts to have businesses increase the standard height of their toilet paper dispensers has been somewhat successful, with positive responses from Central Mall, Wal-Mart, Sam's Club and Dillards.

II. GENERAL

A. **Approval of November 16, 2006 Minutes:** Teresa Rundell moved to approve; Dennis Boepple second. The minutes of November 16, 2006 meeting were reviewed and unanimously approved.

III. OLD BUSINESS

Dickinson Theatre – Further discussed that they now do have proper listening assisted devices. Mr. Gage reminded the Board that the Steifel Theatre also has approved listening assisted devices.

J.C. Penney / Central Mall East Entrance – The Board received a request to look at the need for power assist doors for both the east J.C. Penney entrance and the east Central Mall entrance near the theatres. Since the ADA doesn't require power assist doors, Mr. Gage agreed to contact both entities to have their maintenance staff's check the opening tension of these entrances to ensure compliance with the ADA. Ms. Rundell mentioned that students were soon going to complete an ADA review project at the Central Mall. Mr. Gage indicated that if they complete it soon, he would be happy to forward the results to the new mall ownership and ask them to consider incorporating recommended changes.

Spangles Restaurant – Briefly discussed existing concerns with their food order line directional railing. Mr. Gage recommended that we wait about 6 months and then check to see that changes both in the Salina restaurant and in their training manual are made as they previously communicated.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

- A. **ADA Report on Smoky Hill Museum:** Mr. Gage indicated that this report will be integrated into the City's existing Transition Plan and a written update will be sent to members soon, with further updates provided at each upcoming meeting.
- B. **Transportation Funding Update:** Mr. Gage updated the Board regarding the City Commission's decision to fully fund the OCCCK transportation funding request for 2007. In addition, he informed the Board that a comprehensive review of transportation needs which will include a fixed-route bus system is supposed to happen this year.
- C. **ADA Guidelines Website Report:** Mr. Gage informed the Board that the City's new website is up and running. In addition, he asked the Board what they would like to see on it regarding accessibility. Suggestions included: City accessibility philosophy, general AAB information, Transition Plan information, teletype numbers, ADA information links, special populations programs, a way for citizens to forward accessibility concerns to staff or the Board for review,

accessibility-related awards earned, the video stream of the AAB video program, and pictures of accessible facilities.

- D. **Ramp Program Clarification**: This item was covered at the last meeting and not discussed.
- E. **Other Business**: Mr. Gage informed the Board that member Anita Huntley has resigned her position at this time due to medical reasons.

The Board discussed additional 2007 goals, to include a review of current nature trail accessibility feasibility, a continuation of public education regarding accessibility, and a review of the number of accessible parking spaces in the downtown.

The Board also discussed the regular meeting time and agreed that 3:00 PM would work instead of the current 4:00 PM meeting time.

V. ADJOURNMENT

Teresa Rundell moved to adjourn the meeting, and the action was seconded by Dennis Boepple. The meeting was adjourned at 5:10 p.m.